

receive the essential care they earned, allowing them to continue to live independently in our community.

I am thankful to the leadership of Selfridge, including General John Slocum, the 127th Wing and Selfridge Air National Guard Base commander, for working hard to bring this resource to southeast Michigan and Selfridge, and ensuring that veterans in this area get the best possible care.

EXTEND THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Mr. CRIST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRIST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today urging action to extend the National Flood Insurance Program.

If Congress fails to reauthorize the NFIP by November 30, millions of homeowners will be unable to obtain or renew their flood coverage; housing markets will grind to a halt; and families will be left at risk of financial ruin should a flood occur.

Congress must put this uncertainty to rest. Policyholders need stability. Our housing markets need stability. American families also need stability.

I urge my colleagues to bring to the floor, and to pass, the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program as soon as possible.

HONORING JAMES V. HANSEN

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, this week, my State lost a friend and a statesman. James V. Hansen, Utah's longest serving Member of this body, passed away on Wednesday. My condolences go out to his wife, Ann, as well as the rest of the Hansen family.

During his 22 years of service in the House, Jim became the first Utahn in history to assume the responsibilities of a full committee chairman. In 1997, Jim was chosen to be chair of the infamous Ethics Committee, where former Leader Armey said: "It is one of the most extraordinary trusts that a body could put in another person." In 2001, Jim was named chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

He was a trailblazer, not just for Utah, but for me. I followed him into the State legislature; as Speaker of the House in Utah; as a Member of this body; also as a chairman of the Western Caucus, which Jim founded; and, finally, as chairman of the Resources Committee.

I will be forever grateful for the time he took to mentor me in each and every one of these roles. His impact on my life and many others cannot be overstated.

As chairman of the Resources Committee, Jim prioritized wise use of public lands while developing sound energy policies and passing numerous conservation bills.

As a senior member of the Armed Services Committee, he defended Hill Air Force Base, as well as the importance of U.S. military needs.

Jim accomplished much without ever succumbing to arrogance. He was a good man, a fine leader, and a cherished man. He will be missed.

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RESPECT WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today the court has affirmed the value of the First Amendment and provided the credentials back to CNN reporter Jim Acosta.

It is unfortunate that since taking office, the President has treated members of the press differently than did his predecessors. The President constantly disparages the fourth estate as fake news, derides the press as the enemy of the people, and routinely singles out individual members of the press.

It is fortunate that no injury has yet come, because last month the Trump zealot in Florida, inspired by his devotion to the President, took it upon himself to mail pipe bombs to perceived enemies of the President, including two former Presidents, the news desk of the Cable News Network, Secretaries of State, Attorneys General, and Congresspeople.

The President seems to reserve his most special and pointed derision for African-American women members of the media. In particular, April Ryan of the American Urban Radio Networks and CNN; Abby Phillip of The Washington Post; and Yamiche Alcindor of the Public Broadcasting System. Instead, the President derided April Ryan as a loser; called Abby Phillip stupid; and accused Yamiche Alcindor of racism when she asked him about his claim to be a nationalist.

Let us be very clear. The questions asked of the President were pointed, timely, and relevant. They were not dumb, racist, or stupid.

They were protected by the First Amendment, and I ask the President to stand for the First Amendment and stand against racism.

Since taking office, the President has treated members of the press differently than did his predecessors.

The President constantly disparages the Fourth Estate as "fake news," derides the press as the 'enemy of the people,' and routinely singles out for verbal abuse individual members of the press.

Although this conduct by the President is rude, childish, and unbecoming of the leader of a great nation, we are fortunate that it has not yet resulted in physical injury or harm to any member of the press.

I say fortunate because last month, a Trump zealot in Florida, inspired by his devotion to

the President, took it upon himself to mail pipe bombs to perceived enemies of the President, including two former Presidents and the news desk of the Cable News Network (CNN).

Mr. Speaker, the current President of the United States has disgraced his office on numerous occasions, most recently this past weekend when he refused to visit a cemetery in France where Americans gave their lives to defend freedom in World War I because he did not want to get wet in the rain.

But it is beneath the dignity of his office for the President to deride the free and independent press, which the Framers knew was indispensable for a functioning democracy and enshrined its protection in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a protection that every President takes and oath to preserve, protect, and defend.

The President reserves his most special and pointed derision for African American women members of the media who do their jobs and have the temerity to ask him questions regarding his actions or the policies of his administration.

So it came as no surprise that in the aftermath of the 2018 midterm elections, in which his party was routed and lost control of the House of Representatives, the President refused to answer questions put to him by three great and highly respected African American woman reporters: April Ryan of the Urban American Urban Radio Networks and CNN; Abby Phillip of the Washington Post; and Yamiche Alcindor of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

Instead, the President derided April Ryan as a "loser," called Abby Phillip "stupid," and accused Yamiche Alcindor of racism when she asked him about his claim to be a "nationalist."

Let us be very clear: the questions asked of the President were pointed, timely, and relevant; they were not dumb, racist or stupid.

They may have made the President uncomfortable but it is not the role of the media to make public officials feel comfortable, especially one who lashes out because he clearly feels the legal, ethical and political walls closing in on him.

The President's misconduct conduct is consistent with his pattern and practice of routinely disparaging African American criticism—especially from females.

The American people see the President's unmistakable pattern of disrespectful and abusive treatment of African American women members of the White House Press Corps; they do not like it, they see through it, and they know that these flailing attacks say more about this President than it does about the three very able, highly respected, and fearless African American women journalists.

I call upon the President to cease and desist his disrespectful treatment of all journalists in general, and of African American women journalists in particular.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER JARED WILLIAM FRANKS

(Mr. WALKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, it has been said, "The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of